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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Examiner:** Graham, G.**Art Unit:** 1744*In re:***Applicant:** MERKEL, W., et al**Serial No.:** 09/734,989**Filed:** March 2, 2001***AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER RULE 312***

June 21, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia**Sir:**

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Claims 1-17 cancelled.

18. (Currently amended) A wiper blade for windshields of motor vehicles, comprising: